Given the events of September 11, and the resulting quagmire in long distance transportation, it is essential that alternative sources of public transportation be given a priority..

High capacity rail transportation be it Amtrak or some other entity would be highly desirable as it is much less expensive to built railroad infrastructure over that of air and highway construction..

As I am sure you are aware, the State of Texas DOT has been developing a plan that includes dedicated rights of way in all directions across Texas which includes capacity for dedicated passenger and freight rail lines incorporated within a network of roadway's (Some may include Toll Roads and seperated lanes for semi trucks and intercity bus traffic.).

Sincerely,

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